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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF UNION OIL CONCESSION

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1. ROSARIO MINING COMPANY RECENTLY GAVE DAHOMEAN AMBASSADOR ADJIBADE FULL BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF GLOBAL ENERGY COMPANY OF DALLAS, IN WHICH IT HAS A 34 PERCENT INTEREST. PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL IS FRANK FISK WHO CURRENTLY BEGINNING EXPLORATION OF GLOBAL AND GLOBAL- SUN OIL CONCESSIONS IN NIGER, AND OF ANOTHER CONCESSION WITH SUN OIL IN MALI.

2. UNION OIL VICE PRESIDENT HENRY BRANDON AND FISK ARRIVED IN COTONOU MAY 24 TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MRGD FOR ASSIGNMENT OF UNION CONCESSION TO GLOBAL. ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE IN FORM OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN UNION AND MRGD. UNDER TERMS OF ASSIGNMENT, GLOBAL WOULD ASSUME ALL OBLIGATIONS OF UNION- DAHOMEY CONVENTION OF DECEMBER 19, 1964. FIRST OBLIGATION TO BE MET BY GLOBAL WILL BE NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL DISCOVERY BY DECEMBER, 1974. IF GLOBAL RECEIVES ASSIGNMENT, FISK PLANS TO OBTAIN RIG SOONEST TO DRILL CONFIRMING WELL IN EACH OF TWO STRUCTURES WHERE UNION FOUND LIMITED QUANTITIES OF OIL WITH VIEW TOWARDS EARLY PRODUCTION.

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3. BRANDON AND FIS K, WHO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US DURING NEGOTIATIONS, HOPE ASSIGNMENT WILL BE MADE IN NEXT TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF REPORT ON ESTIMATED RESERVES BY DAHOMEAN EXPERTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER ATCHADE, WHO RELUCTANT PRESENT RECOMMENDATION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BASED SOLELY ON SEPARATE UNION AND GLOBAL ESTIMATES (WHICH INCIDENTALLY ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL EVEN THOUGH PREPARED INDEPENDENTLY). AT UNION' S REQUEST, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH ATCHADE AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLADAYE TO HELP MOVE NEGOTIATIONS ALONG. ATMOSPHERE GOOD WITH MRGD APPRECIATIVE OF UNION' S PAST EFFORTS AND INTEREST IN LOCATING SMALLER AMERICAN COMPANY PREPARED TO EXPLOIT EXISTING RESERVES. BRANDON HAD TO RETURN TO LOS ANGELES JUNE 18, BUT HAS INFORMED MRGD HE WILL RETURN AS SOON AS ASSIGNMENT DECISION TAKEN.

4. WILL REPORT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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